

REMARKS

The present application now contains claims 1, 4-10, 25-30, 34, 36-38 and 72-82. Claims 32, 70 and 71 are currently cancelled and claims 1, 4-10, 25-30, 32, 34, 36-38 and 72-82 are currently amended.

Claim objections

The following claim objections were raised by the Examiner:

Claims 4-10, 74-77 and 79-82 stand objected to since the recitation "An air-conditioning" should be changed to "The air-conditioning".

Claims 25-26, 28-31, 34 and 36-38 stand objected to since the recitation "A system" should be changed to "The system".

Claim 27 stands objected to since the recitation "A dehumidifier" should be changed to "The dehumidifier".

Applicants have amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner in order to overcome the objections. It is submitted that since claims 25 and 26 are amended to independent form the objection is no longer relevant to these claims. Applicants have also amended the preamble of claims 72 and 73 to reflect their parent claim.

Claim rejections

Claims 1, 4-10 and 72-82 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilkinson (US 4,955,205) in view of Forkosh (US 6,494,053).

Claims 25-30 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilkinson as modified by Forkosh and further in view of Saito (US 3,266,784).

Claims 70 and 71 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Forkosh in view of Wilkinson.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 32, 34 and 36-38 contain patentable subject matter. Applicants have amended dependent claims 25 and 26 to independent form and incorporated the feature of claim 32 into these claims. Applicants have further amended independent claim 1 to dependent form and claims 27, 34 and 78 to reflect the changes made in their parent claims. Independent claims 70 and 71 are also cancelled herewith.

As a result of the amendments, claims 25 and 26 are the only independent claims in the application. Both independent claims recite that the motion of the air causes or contributes to causing at least one of the at least one dehumidifying or regenerating section elements to

move. As indicated by the Examiner, none of the cited art teaches or suggest the section elements to be moved or driven by air.

The claims as amended are believed to be patentable over the art. Notice thereof is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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